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In re Application of: Cole et al. Customer No.: 30076
Serial No.: 09/904,061 Examiner: Corbett B. Coburn
Filed: July 12, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3714
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING
UNINTERRUPTED GAMING

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of September 9, 2005, and is timely filed with a three month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-47 are pending in the present application. Claims 11-19, 22-25, 27-33, 35-44, and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Acres (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,333). Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,505,461) in view of Acres (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,333). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Bell et al., and further in view of Bergeron et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,882,473) and Pease et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,326,104). Claims 20, 21, 26, 34, 45, and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Acres (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,333), and further in view of Bergeron et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,882,473) and Pease et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,326,104).

No claims have been amended or canceled. No new claims have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
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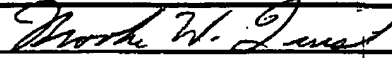
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